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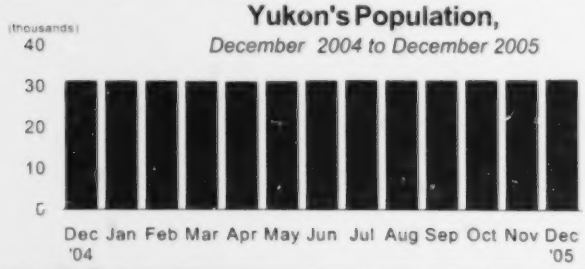
March 2006

The most current statistics available on the state of the Yukon's economy

1. Population

The Yukon's population as of December 2005 was **31,587**. One year ago, in December 2004, the population was **31,127**. The difference is an **increase of 460** individuals, or **1.5%**, in the Yukon's population. *(See page 3 for more detail.)*

Yukon's Population,
December 2004 to December 2005

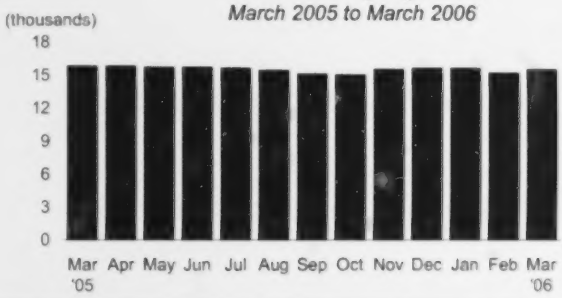


2. Employment

The number of people employed in the Yukon as of March 2006 was **15,500** (seasonally adjusted). This is **a decrease of 300, or 1.9%,** compared to the March 2005 figure.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Yukon as of March 2006 was **4.9%**. One year ago the rate was **4.8%**. The difference is an **increase of 0.1** percentage points from March 2005 to March 2006. *(See page 4 for more detail.)*

Yukon's Employment,
March 2005 to March 2006



3. Inflation

The annual rate of inflation in Whitehorse (figures are not available for the Yukon) was **2.6%** as of February 2006. The annual *average* inflation rate in Whitehorse for 2005 was **2.2%**. *(See page 6 for more detail.)*

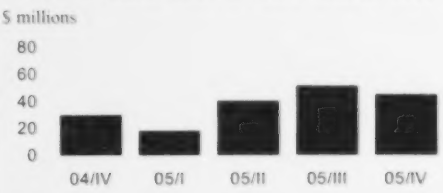
4. Rental Units

The median rent (half the rents are higher and half the rents are lower) in Whitehorse as of March 2006 was **$675**. This is the same as December 2005. The vacancy rate for Whitehorse as of March 2006 was **2.9%**. This is 0.9 percentage points lower than for December 2005. *(See page 7 for more detail.)*

5. Real Estate

The total value of real estate transactions in the Yukon for the fourth quarter of 2005 (October, November and December) was **$44,387,300**. On an annual basis, the total value of real estate transactions for 2005 was **$152,189,000**. This is a decrease of $5,287,000, or 3.4%, from the 2004 record-high annual figure of $157,476,700. *(See page 7 for more detail.)*

Yukon's Real Estate Transactions,
Fourth Quarter 2004 to Fourth Quarter 2005



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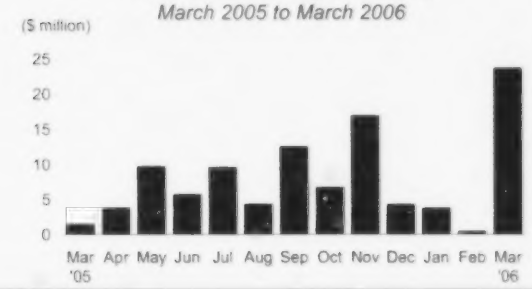
6. Construction

The value of building permits issued in the Yukon for March 2006 was **$23,586,000**. One year ago, in March 2005, the value was **$1,409,000**. The total annual value of building permits for 2005 was **$75,639,000**, compared to **$78,679,000** in 2004. *(See page 8 for more detail.)*

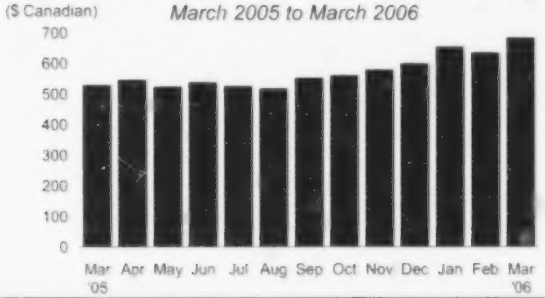
Yukon Building Permits,
March 2005 to March 2006



7. Resources

The commodity price in Canadian dollars for a troy ounce of gold was **$681.59** as of March 31st, 2006 on the London Exchange. One year ago the commodity price was **$517.10**. The difference is an **increase of $164.49**, or **31.8%**, in the commodity price of a troy ounce of gold.
(See page 9 for more detail.)

The Commodity Price of an Ounce of Gold,
($ Canadian) *March 2005 to March 2006*

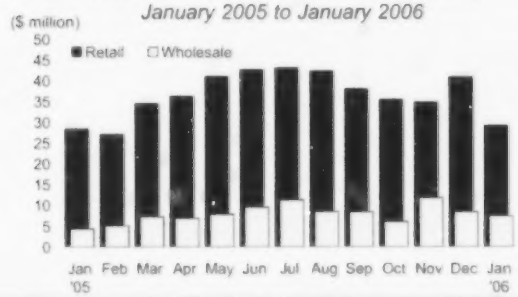


8. Retail & Wholesale Trade

The preliminary value of retail trade in the Yukon for January 2006 was **$29,096,000**. This figure is an **increase of $871,000**, or **3.1%**, from the value of retail trade one year earlier, in January 2005.

Comparing January 2005 with the preliminary value for January 2006, wholesale sales have **increased by $3,113,000**, or **72.5%**, from **$4,291,000** to **$7,404,000**. *(See page 10 for more detail.)*

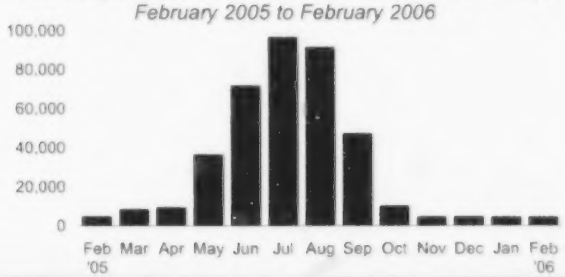
Monthly Retail and Wholesale Trade in the Yukon,
January 2005 to January 2006



9. Travellers

The number of travellers entering the Yukon by land at Canada Customs points of entry in February 2006 was **4,175**. This is a **decrease of 260** travellers, or **5.9%**, from the February 2005 figure of **4,435**.
The total number of travellers for 2005 was **386,093**. This is an **increase of 8,314, or 2.2%**, compared to the annual figure of **377,779** for 2004.
(See page 11 for more detail.)

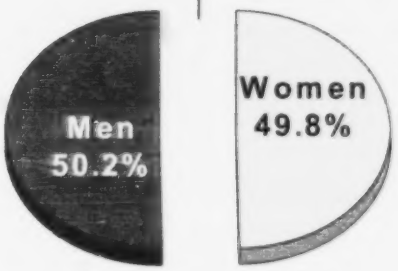
Travellers Entering the Yukon by Land Through Canada Customs Points of Entry,
February 2005 to February 2006



1. Population

1.1 Yukon population by age & sex

Dec. '05	Total	Male	Female
0-4	1,801	897	904
5-9	1,830	935	895
10-14	2,180	1,115	1,065
15-19	2,412	1,253	1,159
20-24	2,084	1,032	1,052
25-29	1,927	883	1,044
30-34	2,195	1,020	1,175
35-39	2,326	1,113	1,213
40-44	2,894	1,365	1,529
45-49	3,130	1,552	1,578
50-54	2,869	1,489	1,380
55-59	2,242	1,170	1,072
60-64	1,411	814	597
65-69	894	515	379
70-74	609	313	296
75+	783	380	403
Total	31,587	15,846	15,741



Source: Yukon Health & Social Services and Bureau of Statistics.

1.2 Yukon population by community

	Dec 2005	June 2005	Dec 2004
Beaver Creek	111	120	125
Burwash Landing	85	89	80
Carcross	446	444	442
Carmacks	408	378	392
Dawson City	1,827	1,826	1,811
Destruction Bay	56	59	56
Faro	391	381	363
Haines Junction	824	817	789
Marsh Lake*	364	336	326
Mayo	400	378	386
Old Crow	267	259	264
Pelly Crossing	291	281	279
Ross River	354	345	345
Tagish	194	187	184
Teslin	408	417	419
Watson Lake	1,544	1,522	1,547
Whitehorse	23,511	23,272	23,205
Other*	106	111	114
Yukon	31,587	31,222	31,127

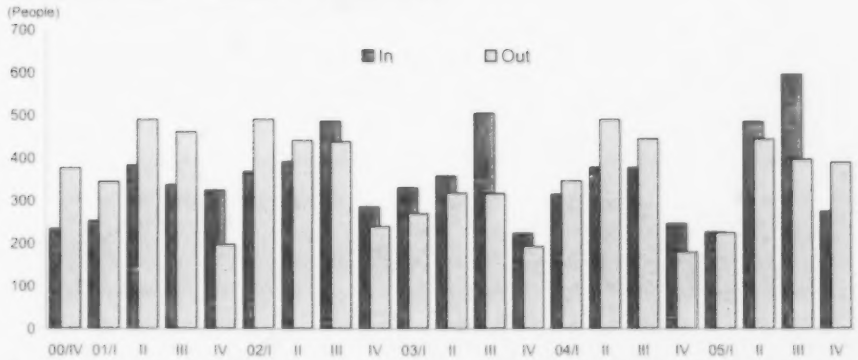
Source: Yukon Health and Social Services, Bureau of Statistics.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

1.3 Yukon births & deaths

	Births	Deaths
2006		
February (p)	26	10
January	32	12
2005		
December	24	16
November	25	16
October	27	13
September	37	15
August	17	11
July	18	12
June	30	21
May	38	14
April	19	7
March	23	13
February	31	11

Source: Yukon Department of Health and Social Services.

1.4 Yukon migration estimates*



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **1.1** The December 2005 population of the Yukon was 31,587. Of the 31,587 people residing in the Yukon, 49.8% were females and 50.2% were males. Persons under the age of 15 accounted for 18.4% of the population, while 7.2% of the population was aged 65 or over.

■ **1.2** In December of 2005, 74.4% of the Yukon's population lived in the City of Whitehorse. Between December 2004 and December 2005, the largest percentage decrease was in the community of Beaver Creek, which decreased by 14 people or 11.2%. Thirteen Yukon communities showed increases in population from December 2004 to December 2005.

■ **1.3** In February 2006, preliminary estimates show 5 fewer births (26) and 1 fewer death (10) compared to February 2005.

■ **1.4** Migration statistics for the Yukon show that for the fourth quarter of 2005 the number of in-migrants was 273, compared to out-migrants of 388. For the fourth quarter of 2005, the Yukon experienced a net loss of 115 people.

2. Employment*

■ **2.1** Comparing March 2006 with March 2005, the following changes can be seen:

- The labour force decreased by 300, or 1.8%.
- The number of employed Yukoners decreased by 300, or 1.9%.
- The number of unemployed Yukoners remained the same, at 800.
- The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.9%.

■ **2.2** In the month of March 2006, the Yukon's rate of unemployment (4.9%) was 1.4 percentage points **lower** than the rate for Canada (6.3%). In March 2005, Yukon's unemployment rate was 2.1 percentage points **lower** than the rate for Canada.

■ **2.3** Comparing preliminary figures for December 2005 with the figures for December 2004, the following changes in government employment in the Yukon have occurred:

- Total government increased by 41, or 0.8%.
- Federal government employment decreased by 6, or 1.1%.
- Territorial general government employment increased by 51, or 1.3%.
- Municipal employment decreased by 12, or 3.0%.

■ 2.1 *Yukon labour force statistics (Seasonally adjusted)*

	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006				
March	16,300	15,500	800	4.9%
February	16,000	15,200	700	4.4%
January	16,300	15,600	800	4.9%
2005				
December	16,200	15,600	700	4.3%
November	16,200	15,500	700	4.3%
October	15,800	15,000	800	5.1%
September	15,900	15,100	800	5.0%
August	16,400	15,400	1,000	6.1%
July	16,500	15,600	800	4.8%
June	16,800	15,700	1,100	6.5%
May	16,500	15,700	800	4.8%
April	16,700	15,800	800	4.8%
March	16,600	15,800	800	4.8%

Source: Statistics Canada.

**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.2 *Canadian unemployment rates (Seasonally adjusted)*

	Yukon	Canada	Nfld. & Lbdr.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC
	(%)											
2006												
March	4.9	6.3	15.7	12.0	7.8	9.2	8.5	6.1	4.2	5.3	3.4	4.4
February	4.4	6.4	15.1	10.9	8.4	9.4	8.2	6.2	4.4	5.3	3.1	4.8
January	4.9	6.6	16.5	10.8	7.8	8.9	8.4	6.5	4.3	5.2	3.5	5.1
2005												
December	4.3	6.5	15.5	10.9	8.5	9.6	8.2	6.2	4.2	5.3	4.1	5.1
November	4.3	6.4	15.0	10.6	8.2	9.5	8.0	6.1	4.2	5.2	4.1	4.9
October	5.1	6.6	15.2	11.1	8.5	11.0	8.3	6.4	4.4	5.2	4.0	5.1
September	5.0	6.7	15.3	11.2	8.4	10.4	8.4	6.4	4.8	6.0	4.1	5.7
August	6.1	6.8	16.7	11.3	7.2	9.6	8.4	6.6	4.6	5.2	3.9	5.8
July	4.8	6.8	14.4	11.0	7.9	9.7	8.4	6.6	4.7	4.7	3.6	6.2
June	6.5	6.7	13.9	11.9	8.6	9.7	8.0	6.7	4.8	4.8	3.8	5.8
May	4.8	6.8	15.2	10.8	7.7	8.8	8.5	6.9	5.1	4.5	3.5	5.7
April	4.8	6.8	16.1	10.4	8.4	9.3	7.9	6.8	4.8	5.0	4.0	6.1
March	4.8	6.9	14.9	10.4	8.6	9.4	8.2	6.9	5.3	5.2	3.5	6.5

Source: Statistics Canada.

■ 2.3 *Government employment in the Yukon**

		Total	Federal General	Territorial General	Territorial Health & Social Services	Municipal
2005						
December	(p)	5,172	539	3,916	323	394
November	(p)	5,209	545	3,917	324	422
October	(p)	5,327	564	4,007	322	433
September	(r)	5,364	595	4,031	322	416
August	(r)	4,925	643	3,483	330	470
July		5,105	650	3,652	323	480
June		5,497	665	4,058	334	441
May		5,279	594	3,968	318	399
April		5,106	567	3,843	319	377
March		5,147	560	3,879	315	393
February		5,104	554	3,844	312	395
January		5,037	547	3,786	313	391
2004						
December		5,131	545	3,865	315	406

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

**Note*: *Please see table footnotes on page 12.*

2.4 Average weekly earnings, including overtime

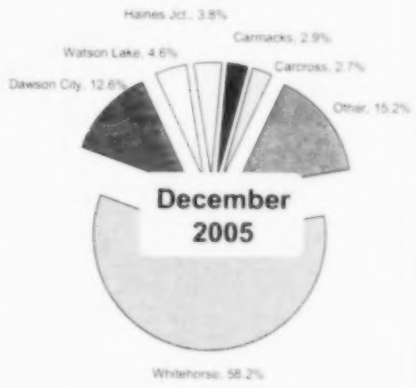
	Yukon Average	Goods-producing	Const.	Service-producing	Trade	Public Admin.	Transp. & Ware-housing	Accomm. & Food Services
				($)				
2006								
January (p)	855.87	1,040.30	934.74	836.06	589.54	1,042.43	885.68	487.99
2005								
December (r)	839.71	1,065.23	927.37	813.81	582.55	983.26	871.93	497.83
November	841.49	1,045.20	936.90	820.02	591.17	983.95	894.31	511.91
October	838.01	1,056.86	944.46	811.97		976.05	906.62	495.98
September	837.24	1,066.16	966.67	809.38	581.93	972.40	934.81	513.55
August	826.53	1,050.83	958.74	798.73	599.18	971.32	953.35	521.27
July	832.85	1,033.82	938.59	807.30	600.92	997.98	937.87	507.67
June	811.00	1,015.04	926.46	787.11	593.39	961.57	915.27	487.63
May	809.11	986.56	895.35	792.11	587.04	946.17	888.98	500.50
April	805.46	973.90	876.71	792.00	590.16	962.82	838.98	494.30
March	813.50	982.12	896.34	802.10	591.88	1,001.93	818.43	499.00
February	797.73	946.23	885.64	788.42	583.44	967.32	833.08	478.51
January	804.81	911.63	845.35	798.00	586.68	969.32	809.72	475.06

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

2.5 Community Employment Insurance claims

	December 2005	November 2005	Nov. to Dec. '05 % change
Beaver Creek	13	15	-13.3%
Burwash Landing	12	11	9.1%
Carcross	54	55	-1.8%
Carmacks	56	52	7.7%
Dawson City	247	255	-3.1%
Faro	54	53	1.9%
Haines Junction	74	86	-14.0%
Mayo	50	55	-9.1%
Old Crow	16	15	6.7%
Pelly Crossing	32	35	-8.6%
Ross River	26	23	13.0%
Tagish	20	20	0.0%
Teslin	34	38	-10.5%
Watson Lake	91	96	-5.2%
Whitehorse	1,143	1,164	-1.8%
Yukon*	1,964	2,014	-2.5%

Community EI claims as a percentage of all Yukon claims



Source: Human Resources Development Canada
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2.6 Employment insurance beneficiaries, by type of benefit, unadjusted

	Total Beneficiaries*	Regular Beneficiaries	Sickness	Maternity	Parental	Training
2006						
January	1,590	1,260	50	60	110	100
2005						
December	1,410	1,110	60	50	120	70
November (r)	1,220	910	50	50	120	80
October	1,050	760	50	40	120	70
September	820	540	50	40	130	50
August	830	580	60	50	140	0
July	850	610	50	50	130	0
June	890	640	40	60	130	20
May	1,120	850	40	60	130	30
April	1,510	1,160	50	60	130	100
March	1,540	1,170	60	60	130	110
February	1,590	1,230	60	60	130	100
January	1,620	1,270	60	60	140	90

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. * *Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **2.4** Comparing preliminary figures for January 2006 with January 2005, the following changes in average weekly earnings can be seen:

- Average weekly wages for the Yukon increased $51.06, or 6.3%.
- Goods-producing industry wages increased $128.67, or 14.1%.
- Construction industry wages increased $89.39, or 10.6%.
- Service-producing industry wages increased $38.06, or 4.8%.
- Trade industry wages increased $2.86, or 0.5%.
- Public administration wages increased $73.11, or 7.5%.
- Transportation and warehousing wages increased $75.96 or 9.4%.
- Accommodation & food services wages increased $12.93, or 2.7%.

■ **2.5** Employment Insurance claims in the Yukon decreased 2.5% from November to December 2005. In Whitehorse, EI claims decreased by 1.8%.

■ **2.6** Looking at the different types of employment insurance benefits and comparing January 2006 with January 2005, the following changes are apparent:

- Total beneficiaries decreased 30, or 1.9%.
- Regular beneficiaries decreased 10, or 0.8%.
- Sickness beneficiaries decreased 10, or 16.7%.
- Maternity beneficiaries remained the same, at 60.
- Parental beneficiaries decreased 30, or 21.4%.
- Training beneficiaries increased by 10, or 11.1%.

3. Consumer Prices

■ **3.1** The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices, or what is usually referred to as inflation. Table 3.1 shows that as of February 2006 the annual rate of inflation in Whitehorse was 2.6% (This is 0.4% higher than the national rate). A year ago, in February 2005, the rate of inflation in Whitehorse was 1.8%.

*(The annual **average** inflation rate in Whitehorse for 2005 was 2.2%.)*

■ 3.1 Consumer price index* (1992 = 100)

All-Items	Whitehorse		Canada	
Index	Index	Change from last year	Index	Change from last year
2006				
February	124.6	2.6%	128.6	2.2%
January	125.1	3.1%	128.8	2.8%
2005				
December	125.1	2.3%	128.1	2.2%
November	126.0	2.4%	128.2	2.0%
October	125.6	3.1%	128.5	2.6%
September	125.6	3.3%	129.1	3.4%
August	124.4	2.6%	128.0	2.6%
July	124.1	1.9%	127.5	2.0%
June	123.9	1.7%	127.2	1.7%
May	123.4	1.6%	127.0	1.6%
April	122.9	2.2%	126.9	2.4%
March	122.2	1.9%	126.5	2.3%
February	121.5	1.8%	125.8	2.1%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **3.2** According to the Consumer Price Index, overall **food** prices in Whitehorse in February 2006 decreased by 1.1% when compared with the previous month. Comparing February 2006 to February 2005, overall **food** prices increased 2.1%. During this same time period, for selected food items purchased from stores, fresh vegetables had the largest increase, at 16.6%.

■ 3.2 Food price index, Whitehorse (1992 = 100)

	February 2006	January 2006	% change Jan '06 to Feb '06	February 2005	% change Feb. '05 to Feb. '06
ALL ITEMS	**124.6**	**125.1**	**-0.4%**	**121.5**	**2.6%**
Food	**124.8**	**126.2**	**-1.1%**	**122.2**	**2.1%**
Food purchased from stores	117.6	119.5	**-1.6%**	114.7	**2.5%**
Meat	127.3	130.7	**-2.6%**	126.7	**0.5%**
Dairy products	127.6	128.8	**-0.9%**	122.0	**4.6%**
Bakery and other cereal products	117.9	117.7	**0.2%**	114.4	**3.1%**
Fresh fruit	127.8	125.6	**1.8%**	112.3	**13.8%**
Fresh vegetables	122.4	122.1	**0.2%**	105.0	**16.6%**
Food purchased from restaurants	143.6	143.6	**0.0%**	141.5	**1.5%**

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ **3.3** The Community Spatial Price Index compares prices in Whitehorse to prices in other Yukon communities. In October 2005, prices in Faro were the closest to Whitehorse prices, Faro being 7.7% higher. The highest prices of the communities surveyed were found in Mayo (18.2% higher than Whitehorse).

■ 3.3 Community spatial price index, October 2005 (Whitehorse = 100)

	Carmacks	Dawson City	Faro	Haines Junction	Mayo	Teslin	Watson Lake
Total Survey Items	**112.0**	**116.4**	**107.7**	**108.0**	**118.2**	**108.0**	**111.9**
Meat	96.9	109.9	88.0	92.4	111.0	87.0	91.3
Dairy/Eggs	110.2	131.5	111.5	109.6	117.5	101.3	117.8
Fruit/Veg.	136.8	127.0	124.0	128.3	157.8	141.6	113.5
Bread/Cereal	113.4	125.6	106.3	113.3	127.4	112.9	117.6
Other Foods	116.8	110.4	112.7	112.9	129.5	108.0	131.3
Household Operations	103.6	146.6	106.3	103.1	107.3	101.5	106.6
Health & Personal Care	128.9	108.5	107.5	116.7	..	140.1	128.6
Gasoline	106.5	104.0	110.6	102.1	109.0	99.4	101.3
Cigarettes	109.5	107.7	102.2	105.9	104.5	103.1	119.5

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics, ".." = insufficient data for reliable estimates.

4. Rental Units

4.1 Median rent*

	Whitehorse Total	Whitehorse: Downtown	Whitehorse: Granger	Whitehorse: Hillcrest	Whitehorse: Porter Creek	Whitehorse: Riverdale	Whitehorse: Takhini	Whitehorse: Watson Lake
				($)				
2006								
March	675	650	638	720	650	695	560	595
2005								
December	675	650	663	700	665	695	560	600
September	675	650	675	700	665	675	530	595
June	675	650	675	695	665	675	530	575
March	660	650	675	695	625	675	530	575

Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12. *Source*: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

4.2 Vacancy rate*

	Whitehorse Total	Whitehorse: Downtown	Whitehorse: Granger	Whitehorse: Hillcrest	Whitehorse: Porter Creek	Whitehorse: Riverdale	Whitehorse: Takhini	Whitehorse: Watson Lake
				(%)				
2006								
March	2.9	2.3	5.0	3.4	0.0	2.8	7.8	25.7
2005								
December	3.8	3.4	0.0	6.8	4.3	3.1	7.8	29.0
September	3.8	4.0	10.0	4.6	8.7	2.0	9.8	40.0
June	3.5	4.5	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.8	7.8	42.9
March	4.2	3.4	0.0	6.4	4.3	3.7	12.0	54.3

Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12. *Source*: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

5.1 Value of real estate transactions

	Yukon	Whitehorse	Other
	($000)		
2005			
4th Quarter	44,387.3	39,178.4	5,208.9
3rd Quarter	50,700.1	43,473.7	7,226.4
2nd Quarter	39,735.9	33,098.3	6,637.6
1st Quarter	17,365.7	15,113.4	2,252.3
2004			
4th Quarter	29,273.7	25,671.3	3,602.4

Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12. *Source*: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

5.2 Number & value of real estate transactions in Whitehorse

	Total	Single Houses	Family Lots	Mobile Homes	Condos	Duplexes	Multiple Residential	Commercial/ Industrial
Value of Real Estate Transactions ($000)								
2005								
4th Quarter	39,178.4	18,986.4	1,086.9	2,510.0	4,865.5	3,027.2	..	7,859.2
3rd Quarter	43,473.7	30,238.0	651.0	3,623.9	1,824.5	2,390.0	2,730.5	2,015.8
2nd Quarter	33,098.3	23,576.5	410.8	3,406.4	1,249.5	2,195.3	..	1,901.3
1st Quarter	15,113.4	9,218.9	..	1,437.5	414.5	1,541.6	..	2,435.0
2004								
4th Quarter	25,671.3	16,790.0	342.8	2,299.0	406.2	2,460.8	..	3,372.5
Number of Real Estate Transactions (no.)								
2005								
4th Quarter	184	84	17	18	30	19	..	14
3rd Quarter	212	133	12	28	13	18	4	4
2nd Quarter	192	118	9	29	11	15	..	8
1st Quarter	81	47	..	12	4	11	..	6
2004								
4th Quarter	146	89	6	20	3	19	..	9

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

4.1 Comparing March 2006 to March 2005, median rents have changed in the following ways:

- The overall median rent in Whitehorse increased $15, from $660 to $675.
- In Granger the median rent decreased $37, or 5.5%.
- In Hillcrest the median rent increased $25, or 3.6%.
- In Porter Creek the median rent rose $25, or 4.0%.
- In Riverdale the median rent rose $20, or 3.0%.
- In Takhini the median rent rose $30, or 5.7%.
- In Watson Lake the median rent increased $20, or 3.5%.

4.2 The overall Whitehorse vacancy rate in March 2006 decreased 1.3 percentage points from March 2005 and decreased 0.9 points from December 2005.

5. Real Estate*

5.1 Comparing fourth quarter 2005 figures with fourth quarter 2004, real estate transactions have:

- increased $15.1 million, or 51.6%, in the Yukon;
- increased $13.5 million, or 52.6%, in Whitehorse;
- increased $1.6 million, or 44.6%, in the areas outside of Whitehorse.

5.2 The average selling price for a single house in Whitehorse increased by 19.8%, or $37,300, from the fourth quarter of 2004 ($188,700) to the fourth quarter of 2005 ($226,000).

**Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12.*

6. Construction

■ **6.1** For the Yukon, the total value of building permits issued in March 2006 ($23,586,000) was $22,177,000, or 1,574%, above the March 2005 figure of $1,409,000. The main reason for the increase in government/ institutional building permits is the construction of the Athletes' Village, for Canada Games.

***Note**: In addition to new dwelling units, residential permits issued include renovations, garages and additions. "Total permits" does not include plumbing or stove permits issued.*

■ **6.2** Comparing total residential permits issued in March 2006 with March 2005, the following changes have occurred in the Yukon:

- The number of permits issued for new dwelling units decreased from 5 to 4.
- Other residential permits issued *(renovations, garages and additions) increased from 34 to 44.

■ **6.3** For Whitehorse, the total value of building permits issued in March 2006 ($23,115,500) was $22,050,400 or 2,070.3% above the March 2005 figure of $1,065,100.

***Note**: Permits for March 2006 include 1 for the replacement of a mobile home in a park, 1 for an internal renovation, and 1 for the Athletes' Village for Canada Games.*

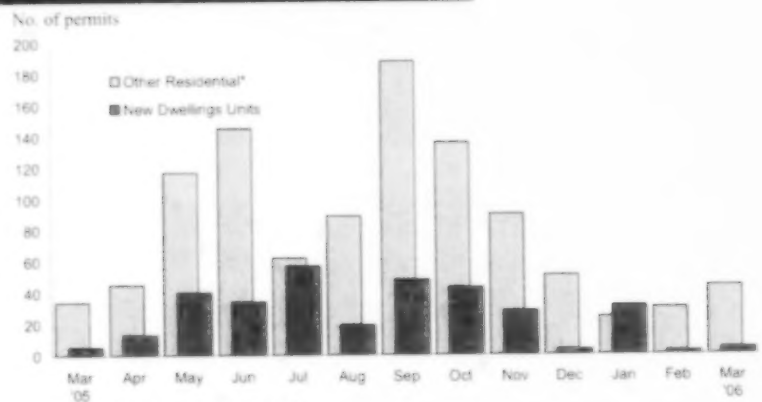
"Total permits" does not include plumbing or wood stove permits issued.

■ 6.1 Yukon building permits, number and value*

	Total		Residential		Industrial		Government/ Institutional		Commercial	
	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)
2006										
March	62	23,586	48	734	2	161	4	22,527	8	164
February	41	393	32	299	0	0	2	55	7	39
January	71	3,690	55	3,059	6	439	4	123	6	69
2005										
December	67	4,178	54	823	2	670	5	2,258	6	428
November	137	16,714	118	3,533	7	315	7	12,139	5	727
October	211	6,620	179	6,008	6	53	11	176	15	384
September	257	12,430	236	7,894	0	0	14	3,923	7	613
August	125	4,276	108	3,278	1	350	7	454	9	195
July	131	9,462	119	7,093	2	83	5	107	5	2,179
June	210	5,637	179	5,077	12	247	7	39	12	274
May	190	9,617	157	6,858	4	19	9	2,382	20	358
April	75	3,727	58	1,977	1	6	7	1,631	9	113
March	52	1,409	39	731	1	9	6	554	6	115

Source: YTG Community Services.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 6.2 Yukon residential building permits



Source: YTG Community Services.

■ 6.3 Whitehorse building permits, number and value*

	Total		Residential		Multi-Residential		Industrial		Government/ Institutional		Commercial	
	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)
2006												
March	34	23,116	25	258	2	28	1	161	2	22,520	4	149
February	26	283	22	208	-	-	-	-	2	55	2	20
January	38	3,245	29	485	1	2,262	4	439	-	-	4	59
2005												
December	58	2,645	49	775	-	-	2	670	1	772	6	428
November	97	5,906	87	2,431	-	-	6	314	1	3,073	3	90
October	133	5,612	118	5,415	1	1	4	46	2	76	8	74
September	207	8,982	198	6,474	-	-	-	-	6	2,008	3	500
August	59	1,958	57	1,534	-	-	1	350	1	74	-	-
July	82	7,914	73	3,093	1	2,550	2	83	2	24	4	2,164
June	145	3,860	132	3,573	-	-	6	145	2	10	5	132
May	126	6,272	109	4,790	2	853	4	19	2	489	9	121
April	43	966	32	863	3	16	-	-	2	64	6	23
March	36	1,065	30	528	-	-	1	9	2	461	3	68

Source: City of Whitehorse
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

7. Resources

7.1 London metal commodity prices*

	Gold		Silver		Lead		Zinc		Copper		
	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	
	($/troy oz)				($/kg)						US Exch
2006											
March	681.59	584.00	13.72	11.76	1.4122	1.2100	3.1401	2.6905	6.4511	5.5275	1.1671
February	633.30	556.50	11.04	9.70	1.3571	1.1925	2.6208	2.3030	5.5068	4.8390	1.138
January	651.79	569.80	11.34	9.91	1.6129	1.4100	2.6516	2.3180	5.6274	4.9195	1.1439
2005											
December	598.11	513.00	10.29	8.83	1.2825	1.1000	2.2327	1.9150	5.3451	4.5845	1.1659
November	576.46	493.80	9.58	8.21	1.2421	1.0640	1.9986	1.7120	5.1418	4.4045	1.1674
October	557.77	472.65	9.16	7.77	1.2214	1.0350	1.8551	1.5720	4.8278	4.0910	1.1801
September	549.66	473.40	8.74	7.53	1.1321	0.9750	1.6383	1.4110	4.5852	3.9490	1.1611
August	514.79	433.00	8.01	6.74	1.0724	0.9020	1.6169	1.3600	4.6545	3.9150	1.1889
July	523.64	427.15	8.77	7.15	1.0684	0.8715	1.5238	1.2430	4.6278	3.7750	1.2259
June	535.34	436.80	8.70	7.10	1.1361	0.9270	1.4989	1.2230	4.4085	3.5970	1.2256
May	521.54	416.90	8.92	7.13	1.2397	0.9910	1.5663	1.2520	4.0207	3.2140	1.251
April	544.49	433.20	8.77	6.98	1.2820	1.0200	1.6126	1.2830	4.2087	3.3485	1.2569
March	517.10	427.50	8.70	7.19	1.2374	1.0230	1.6318	1.3490	4.1223	3.4080	1.2096

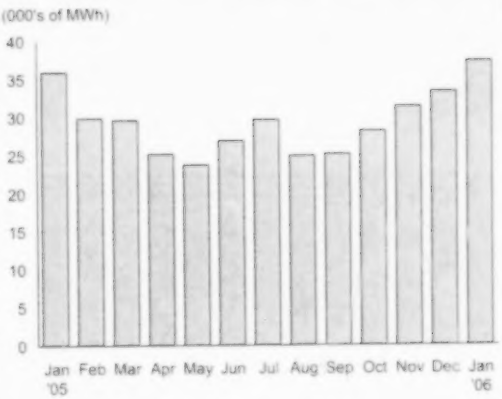
Source: London Bullion Market Association and London Metal Exchange.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

7.2 Electricity generated, Yukon

	Total	Hydro	Internal Combustion
	(MWh)		
2006			
January	37,336	34,325	3,011
2005			
December	33,367	31,265	2,102
November	31,375	29,409	1,966
October	28,160	26,274	1,886
September	25,156	23,451	1,705
August	24,921	23,152	1,769
July	29,631	28,058	1,573
June	26,876	25,272	1,604
May	23,702	22,077	1,625
April	25,160	23,315	1,845
March	29,612	27,789	1,823
February	29,860	27,692	2,168
January	35,928	33,581	2,347

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

7.3 Electricity generated, Yukon



7.4 Petroleum product domestic sales, Yukon

	Total*	Aviation Gasoline*	Motor Gasoline	Aviation Turbo Fuel	Stove Oil Kerosene	Diesel Fuel Oil	Light Fuel Oil	Lube Oils & Greases
	(cubic metres)							
2005								
November	9,125	22	2,128	740	1,665	3,502	1,046	19
October	9,479	39	2,320	779	1,669	4,051	595	25
September	11,621	100	2,953	1,028	1,745	5,230	542	21
August	13,658	223	4,960	842	380	7,022	186	44
July	10,428	248	3,369	991	147	5,471	158	43
June	11,393	259	3,923	1,152	230	5,606	173	49
May	9,274	122	2,900	819	318	4,679	403	32
April	9,944	34	2,801	626	655	5,028	777	23
March	11,885	37	2,382	668	2,981	4,388	1,359	70
February	11,176	24	2,435	727	1,813	4,313	1,830	33
January	10,368	9	2,040	553	2,055	3,460	2,231	18
2004								
December	9,591	9	1,995	663	1,750	3,415	1,751	7
November	9,315	13	2,134	547	1,369	3,816	1,408	25

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **7.1** From March 2005 to March 2006, the metal commodity prices (in Canadian funds) have changed as follows:
  - Gold increased $164.49 per troy ounce, or 31.8%.
  - Silver increased $5.02 per troy ounce, or 57.7%.
  - Lead increased 17.5 cents per kilogram, or 14.1%.
  - Zinc increased $1.51 per kilogram, or 92.4%.
  - Copper increased $2.33 per kilogram, or 56.5%.

- **7.2 & 7.3** Comparing January 2006 with January 2005, electricity generated in the Yukon has increased from 35,928 MWh to 37,336 MWh. This represents an increase of 1,408 MWh, or 3.9%.

- **7.4** Comparing figures for petroleum sales (m^3) in November 2005 with sales figures for November 2004, the following changes have occurred:
  - Total petroleum product sales decreased 2.0%.
  - Aviation gasoline sales increased 69.2% (Aviation turbo fuel sales increased 35.3%).
  - Motor gasoline sales were down 0.3%.
  - Diesel fuel oil sales decreased 8.2%.
  - Light fuel oil sales decreased 25.7%.

8. Trade

■ **8.1** The preliminary value of retail trade for January 2006 was $29,096,000. In January 2005, the value was $28,225,000. Comparing January 2006 with January 2005, retail sales have increased by $871,000, or 3.1%.

** See note 8.1 on page 12 concerning changes to retail trade reporting.*

■ **8.2** Comparing preliminary figures for January 2006 with January 2005, wholesale sales increased by $3,113,000, or 72.5%.

■ **8.4** Comparing figures for March 2006 with March 2005, interest rates have changed as follows:

- The bank rate has increased 1.25 percentage points to 4.00%
- The prime business rate has increased 1.25 percentage points to 5.50%.
- The conventional mortgage rate (5-year) has increased 0.20 percentage points to 6.45%.

■ **8.5** & **8.6** Total preliminary restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts for January 2006 were $2,059,500. This was up $65,000, or 3.3%, compared to the January 2005 figure of $1,994,500.

On an annual basis, in 2005 total receipts totalled $31,773,200. This was down $4,984,500, or 13.6%, compared with the 2004 annual figure of $36,757,700.

**Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12 regarding changes to the survey.*

■ 8.1 Retail sales, Yukon*

		Total Sales ($000)	Month-to-Month Change (%)
2006			
January	(p)	29,096	-28.7
2005			
December	(r)	40,817	17.5
November		34,749	-1.9
October		35,414	-6.6
September		37,917	-10.2
August		42,246	-1.7
July		42,985	0.9
June		42,594	4.1
May		40,928	13.3
April		36,114	5.0
March		34,405	27.5
February		26,994	-4.4
January		28,225	-28.6

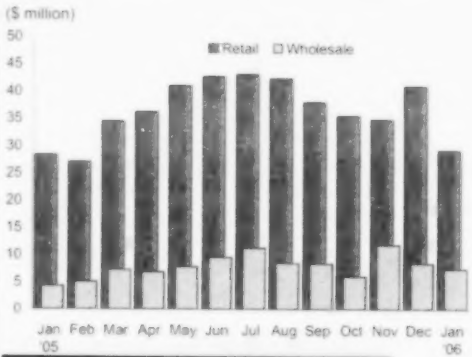
Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 8.2 Wholesale sales, Yukon

		Total Sales ($000)	Month-to-Month Change (%)
2006			
January	(p)	7,404	-11.9%
2005			
December	(r)	8,403	-28.8%
November		11,799	95.3%
October		6,043	-27.7%
September		8,355	-1.4%
August		8,470	-24.7%
July		11,246	17.9%
June		9,538	22.4%
May		7,790	13.6%
April		6,858	-5.1%
March		7,230	42.8%
February		5,063	18.0%
January		4,291	-52.0%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 8.3 Retail & wholesale, Yukon



■ 8.4 Selected interest rates

	Bank Rate*	Prime Business	5-year Mortgage
	(%)		
2006			
March	4.00	5.50	6.45
February	3.75	5.25	6.45
January	3.75	5.25	6.30
2005			
December	3.50	5.00	6.30
November	3.25	4.75	6.15
October	3.25	4.75	6.00
September	3.00	4.50	5.80
August	2.75	4.25	5.80
July	2.75	4.25	5.80
June	2.75	4.25	5.70
May	2.75	4.25	5.95
April	2.75	4.25	6.05
March	2.75	4.25	6.25

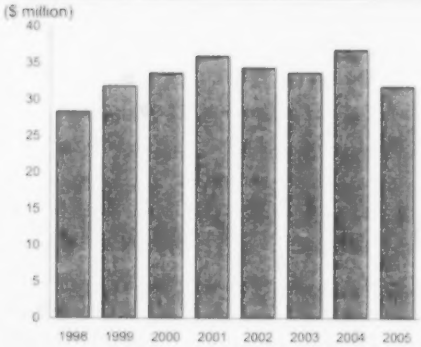
Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 8.5 Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts*, Yukon

		Total Restaurant Receipts ($000)	% change from same month last year
2006			
January	(p)	2,059.5	3.3%
2005			
December	(r)	2,454.4	8.9%
November		2,160.6	-39.7%
October		2,477.1	-31.0%
September		2,598.4	-30.2%
August		3,203.9	-6.0%
July		3,690.0	8.6%
June		3,275.3	11.3%
May		2,894.3	9.4%
April		2,510.1	5.0%
March		2,462.6	-33.3%
February		2,052.0	-40.0%
January		1,994.5	16.9%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 8.6 Total restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts, Yukon*



9. Transportation

9.1 Travellers entering Yukon by land through Canada Customs*

	Total	Yukon Residents	Other Canadians	US Residents	Other Foreign Travellers
2006					
February	4,175	919	199	3,002	55
January	4,068	925	66	3,050	27
2005	**386,093**	**36,436**	**31,669**	**289,319**	**28,669**
December	4,352	887	138	3,310	17
November	4,265	863	286	3,095	21
October	9,876	2,363	562	6,798	153
September	46,859	3,562	2,773	35,921	4,603
August	91,200	6,006	7,665	70,119	7,410
July	96,287	6,517	10,655	72,019	7,096
June	71,498	4,815	6,822	54,011	5,850
May	35,993	4,868	1,934	26,079	3,112
April	9,153	2,533	340	6,125	155
March	8,163	2,465	282	5,280	136
February	4,435	767	148	3,473	47

Source: Bureau of Statistics.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

9.2 Aircraft movements, Yukon communities

	Beaver Creek	Burwash Landing	Dawson City	Faro	Mayo	Old Crow	Teslin	Watson Lake	Whitehorse
	(no.)								
2005									
November	5	39	155	16	..	48	..	92	924
October	24	52	222	73	..	83	..	377	1,400
September	42	126	498	203	..	1	..	666	2,019
August	25	213	700	148	507	..	..	811	2,602
July	42	156	902	132	11	188	..	1,003	2,869
June	17	67	996	74	513	210	70	903	2,907
May	34	95	393	73	..	86	..	428	3,580
April	50	27	275	30	..	62	17	190	2,226
March	36	2	264	17	18	131	..	182	1,505
February	10	8	233	2	20	71	12	168	1,221
January	8	1	107	17	16	42	..	67	922
2004									
December	6	11	137	24	51	146	13	105	748
November	12	61	202	72	74	59	12	112	1,179

Source: Statistics Canada, Aviation Statistics Centre.

■ **9.1** The number of visitors entering the Yukon by land from January to December 2005 was 386,093 compared with 377,779 for the same time period in 2004. This represents an increase of 8,314 people, or 2.2%.

Comparing February 2006 with February 2005, the following changes occurred:

- Total number of travellers decreased by 260, or 5.9%.
- Yukon resident travellers increased by 152, or 19.8%.
- Other Canadian travellers increased by 51, or 34.5%.
- U.S. travellers decreased by 471, or 13.6%.
- Other foreign travellers increased by 8 or 17.0%.

■ **9.2** Comparing November 2005 with November 2004, the number of aircraft movements in Yukon communities has changed as follows:

- The number of aircraft into and out of Whitehorse decreased by 255, or 21.6%.
- In Watson Lake, travel by aircraft was down by 20 flights, or 17.9%.
- In Dawson City, travel by aircraft decreased by 47 flights, or 23.3%.
- In Old Crow, travel by aircraft was down by 11 flights, or 18.6%.

Footnotes

1. Population

1.2 'Other' includes communities such as Champagne, Elsa, Johnson's Crossing, Keno City, Stewart Crossing & Swift River. Increases in Marsh Lake population figures are attributable in part to the changing of postal addressses from Whitehorse to Marsh Lake.

1.4 Migration estimates are based on both international migrants into and out of the Yukon as well as interprovincial movement according to the Child Tax Benefit files.

2. Employment

2.1 All Yukon figures from the Labour Force Survey are three-month moving averages based on 83% coverage.

2.1 Yukon figures are rounded to the nearest hundred; because of this, figures may not sum to totals.

2.3 Territorial general government employment includes employees of all Yukon Government departments, as well as employees of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health & Safety Board, etc. Territorial Health & Social Services includes employees at Whitehorse General Hospital, Alexander MacDonald Lodge, Children's Receiving Home and Assessment, Detoxification Centre, group homes, Norman D. Macaulay Lodge, Northern Network of Services and the Thomson Centre. Yukon Liquor Corp. and Yukon Development Corp./Yukon Energy Corp. are considered to be business enterprises and therefore employment figures are not included.

2.4 Yukon figures are for all employees, including overtime. Unclassified employees are excluded. As of June 2001, NAICS (North American Industrial Classification System) is used in lieu of the previous SIC (Standard Industrial Classification). Other NAICS categories are available by contacting YBS.

2.5 Yukon total includes some communities not listed. Claimants whose applications are pending are included.

2.6 The number of beneficiaries receiving total income benefits includes other types of benefits than those displayed, but excludes employment insurance claimants receiving employment and support measures benefits.

3. Consumer Prices

3.1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures price changes over time but should not be used to compare costs between provinces and cities.

4. Rental Units

4.1 & 4.2 The Yukon Rental Survey covers all buildings with four or more units. Rentals with less than four units (such as houses, suites and duplexes) are excluded from the survey.

5. Real Estate

5.1 & 5.2 Rounded data may not sum to totals.

6. Construction

6.1 Rounded data may not sum to totals. Permits issued in the communities are totalled on a calendar month.

6.3 Special permits or permits for demolitions may have dollar values of zero. Whitehorse permits are reported for a thirty-day period from the sixteenth of one month to the fifteenth of the following month for which the totals are reported.

7. Resources

7.1 Canadian prices are based on the conversion of US prices using the 'noon' exchange rate at month-end by Bank of Canada. Prices of gold and silver are a.m. fix prices at month-end. Prices of lead, zinc and copper are London Metal Exchange "cash settlement and reference" prices at month-end.

7.4 'Total' includes other fuel sales. Domestic sales are by reporting companies, are exclusive of exports and sales to other reporting companies, and are adjusted for exports and imports by non-reporting companies.

7.4 'Aviation gasoline' includes all gasoline-type fuels for piston-type aircraft engines.

8. Trade

8.1 October 2005 marked the implementation of measures to reduce response burden in the Monthly Retail Trade Survey. Data previously collected via questionnaire for a number of simple retail establishments in the survey sample are now replaced with modelled estimates based on Goods and Services Tax (GST) returns. The model takes into account the sales to revenue relationship, as well as the time lag between the reference month for the survey and the reference period of the GST estimates. This change has had minimal impact on retail estimates.

8.4 Bank rate figures are from the last Wednesday of the month.

8.5 & 8.6 The Monthly Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns Survey (MRCTS) has undergone several important methodological changes commencing with the April 2004 reference month. As a result of these changes, total food services sales for Canada and the provinces and territories have been revised back to January 1998. Users must be aware that historical comparisons of estimates produced by the MRCTS prior to May 2004 reference month should be made only with revised historical data. Please note that kind of business (KOB) details and the number of locations have been suppressed for both the historical and the new series until revisions to the historical data can be processed.

9. Transportation

9.1 Not included in this table are travellers entering the Yukon from another province or territory, persons entering the Yukon by air and persons entering the Yukon by water.

Symbols & Abbreviations

-	nil or zero	I	January 1 to March 31
(--)	too small to be expressed	II	April 1 to June 30
(p)	preliminary figures	III	July 1 to September 30
(r)	revised figures	IV	October 1 to December 31
m^3	cubic metre	(x)	suppressed for confidentiality
(MWh)	megawatt-hour	..	not available

Note: In some tabulations, rounded data may not sum to totals.

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